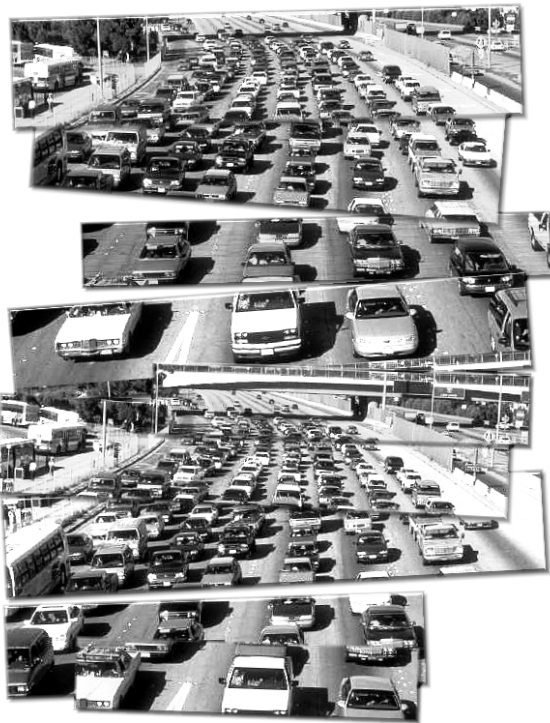


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## Commuting to Work in Utah

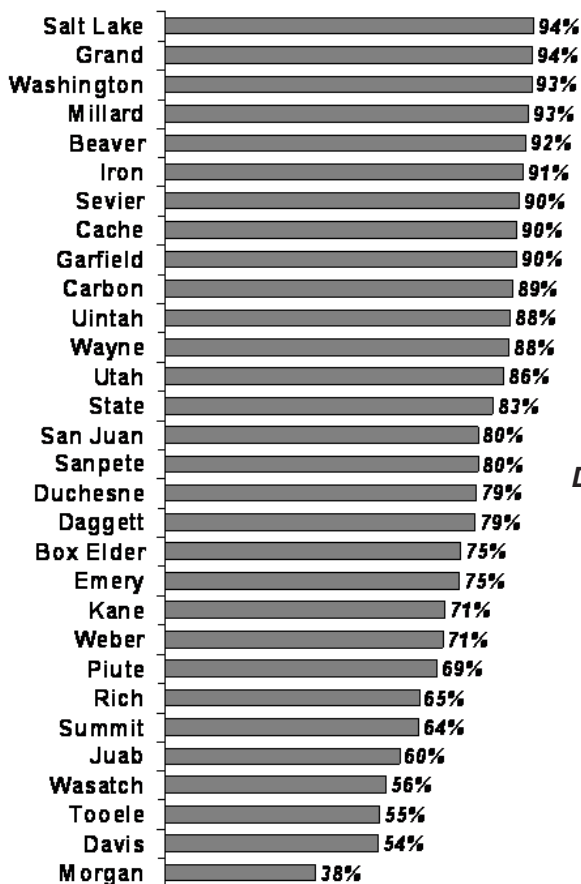


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According to recently released 2000 Census information Utahns commute both near and far to work. The commute to work ranges anywhere from walking to another room in the house, to traveling thousands of miles to distant continents. There were 1,032,858 Utah "commuters" documented by the United States Census in April of 2000 – 43,335 worked at home and 530 worked in foreign lands among 35 countries worldwide. Of course the vast majority (98.9 percent) of employed Utahns live and work in the state. To qualify as a Utah commuter, you must have been at work during the week prior to filling out your Census form and civilian or military worker 16 years of age or older.

Most residents work fairly close to home. Utahns spend an average of 21.3 minutes traveling to work. Census Bureau statistics show that 861,503 or 83 percent of Utah commuters are employed in the same county in which they live.

## 2000 Percentage of Utah Commuters Working in County of Residence



Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

### Metro Utah

Economic activity in Utah is concentrated within the four "metro" counties of Salt Lake, Utah, Weber, and Davis. Of the 16.6 percent or 171,355 workers who commute outside their county of residence, 110,919 live in one of these four counties and go to work in one of the other 3 metro counties. An additional 24,058 Utahns commute from one of the 26 non-metro counties to work in the metropolitan area.

### Salt Lake County

As the center of Utah's economic activity, Salt Lake County has the largest inflow of commuters. There are 73,203 workers

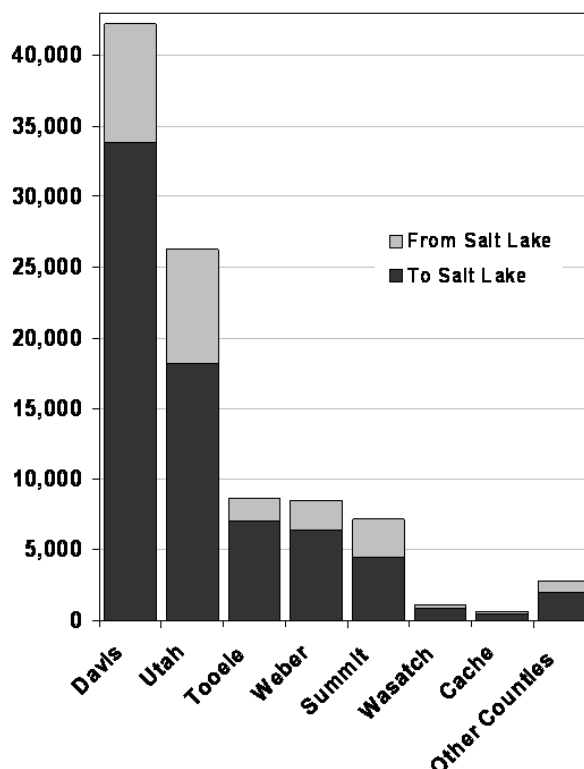
who commute to jobs in Salt Lake County from around the state. In fact there are residents from every other county in Utah that work in Salt Lake County. There are 24,189 Salt Lake County residents who work outside the county in 25 of the remaining 28 Utah counties.

There are 3 commuters into Salt Lake County from around the state for every "Salt Laker" who leaves the county to work elsewhere in Utah.

Commuter flow data provides important insight into the character of the local economy for each of Utah's counties.

Detailed Utah commuting flows information is available on our website:  
<http://jobs.utah.gov/wi/regions/county.asp>

## 2000 Utah Workers Commuting to and from Salt Lake County



Source: U.S. Census Bureau.